

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 through 13, 15, and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, said method comprising the steps of:

~~arranging a sequence of~~ adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) elements element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing ~~at least one a~~ a media item from the first group of media items;

associating at least one track control attribute in ~~an~~ the EDL element ~~in the sequence~~ with at least one subsequent EDL element in the second media track, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one subsequent~~ EDL element in the ~~sequence~~ second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the ~~sequence of~~ EDL elements element, the at least one track control attribute, and another media item in the a third media track; and

upon the a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent

EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one~~ subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the re-arranging step comprises deletion of ~~at least one of~~ the EDL elements element.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first media track is started in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first media track is terminated in accordance with a track control attribute associated with an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first media track is a graphical overlay that is referenced by a track control attribute, ~~of the at least one track control attribute.~~

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the media item in the first media track comprises a copy of a source media item in a source media track, which is referenced by an EDL element in the sequence of the EDL elements.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the copy of the source media item forms the media item in the first media track.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the track control attribute comprises one of (a) an attribute to activate a media item in the first media track and (b) an attribute to deactivate the media item in the media track.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, said apparatus comprising:

an editor for ~~arranging a sequence of~~ adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) elements element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing ~~at least one a~~ media item from the first group of media items;

means for associating at least one track control attribute in ~~an the~~ EDL element ~~in the~~ sequence with at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence second media track, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one~~ subsequent EDL element in the sequence second media track; and

means for generating the first media in track in accordance with the ~~sequence of~~ EDL elements element, the track control attribute, and another media item in ~~the a~~ third media track; and

means for, upon ~~the a~~ sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence:

(a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one~~ subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable disk or storage device having recorded thereon a set of computer program modules comprising computer program code for directing a processor to execute a method for generating a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, said method comprising the steps of:

arranging a sequence of adding an Edit Decision List (EDL) elements element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing at least one media item from the first group of media items;

associating at least one track control attribute in ~~an~~ the EDL element ~~in the sequence~~ with at least one subsequent EDL element in the ~~sequence~~ second media track, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one subsequent~~ EDL element in the ~~sequence~~ second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the ~~sequence of~~ EDL elements element, the track control attribute, and another media item in ~~the~~ a third media track; and

upon ~~the~~ a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one~~ subsequent EDL element in

the modified sequence, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the third media track.

16 -17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A media production comprising a first media track, the first media track comprising a sequence of media items selected from a first group of media items, the media track being formed by a method comprising the steps of:

~~arranging a sequence of adding an~~ Edit Decision List (EDL) ~~elements~~ element into a second media track, the EDL element referencing at least one media item from the first group of media items;

associating at least one track control attribute in ~~an~~ the EDL element ~~in the sequence~~ with at least one subsequent EDL element in the ~~sequence~~ second media track, the track control attribute affecting a ~~behavior~~ duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one subsequent EDL element in the sequence~~ second media track;

generating the first media track in accordance with the ~~sequence of~~ EDL elements element, the track control attribute, and another media item in ~~the~~ a third media track; and

upon ~~the~~ a sequence of EDL elements being modified, wherein the EDL element having the track control attribute is moved to a new position in the modified sequence: (a) rearranging the media items in the first media track in accordance with the modified sequence of the EDL elements; and (b) associating the track control attribute with at least one subsequent

EDL element in the modified sequence, the track control attribute affecting a behavior duration of a media item in the first media track referenced by the ~~at least one~~ subsequent EDL element in the modified sequence, the duration of the media item in the first media track being based on a duration of the another media item in the first media track.